

It will be readily seen from this general description of the contents of the pamphlet prepared for the celebration of North Carolina Day that it has been earnestly sought to awaken in the rising generation an interest and pride in our past history, to give a knowledge of the State's wonderful resources, to inspire a hope and confidence in its future, and to give the people of the different sections a better acquaintance with each other, to the end that understanding each other better they may the better be welded into one people of one State with a common history, a common interest and a common aim. On this day teachers and County Superintendents have been advised to seek to gather the people around the school, to join with the children and the teacher in this beautiful consecration of at least one day to the study of the State, her history and her people. Reports from the various counties indicate a growing interest in the observance of this day and inspire the hope that something has already been accomplished and much more will be accomplished through these exercises and studies in the public schools, in fostering a literary and historical spirit among our people.

*Woman's Association for the Betterment of Public School Houses and Grounds.*—Much valuable aid has been rendered by the Woman's Association for the Betterment of Public School-houses and Grounds, in the important work of improving and beautifying the public school-houses and in cultivating public sentiment therefor. A State Association has been formed, and under its general direction many county associations have been formed. This Association has been greatly aided in its work by the Southern Education Board. The sincere thanks of all friends of the public schools are due these patriotic women for their unselfish labors in this great work.

*The Loan Fund for Building and Improving Public School-houses.*—Upon the recommendation of the State Superintendent and with the unanimous endorsement of the